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SECURITY CANINE HANDLER (04E)

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this period of instruction, the student will correctly indicate the following on a written examination, or demonstrate during practical exercises, in accordance with the instruction provided:

1. Proficiency in the handling of a security canine;
2. Basic obedience performance of the handler and security canine;
3. Good physical condition of the security canine;
4. Provisions relating to security canines and handlers in the Code of Virginia;
5. The provisions of the federal law pertaining to security canines and handlers;
6. The requirements and procedures for registration as a security canine handler;
7. The duties and responsibilities of a security canine handler;
8. The prohibited acts and sanctions;
9. The traits and skills required to be a security canine handler;
10. The civil and criminal liability involved with the utilization of a security canine;
11. The use of force continuum and the place of a security canine in that process;
12. The historical uses of security canines;
13. The proper medical care procedures for security canines;
14. The anatomical parts of the security canine;
15. The bones of the security canine;
16. The major health hazards of the security canine;
17. Security canine training techniques;
18. Daily training exercises for the security canine handler and the security canine;
19. The techniques utilizing security canines;
20. Equipment utilized to training security canines;
21. Equipment utilized on duty;

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- 22. Patrolling techniques with the security canine;
- 23. Proper techniques to be utilized in the search of buildings, of a person, of a vehicle, and of an outdoor area;
- 24. The precautions to be observed in dealing with children, in residential areas, when meeting other animals;
- 25. Safety issues of concern when working with a security canine;
- 26. Proper techniques for maintenance of proficiency of the security canine and the security canine handler.